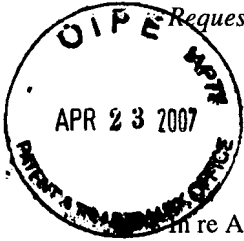


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Request for Continued Examination

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Charters et al.  
Serial No. : 09/683,902 Examiner : J. R. Maniwang  
Filed : February 28, 2002 Group Art Unit : 2144  
For : METHOD, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
FOR INTEGRATING HETEROGENEOUS SYSTEMS

HON. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
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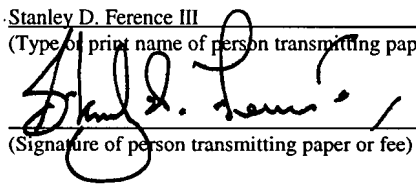
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1. Extension of Time
- ☐ No extension of time is needed.
- ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on April 18, 2007.

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2. **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- ☒ Previously submitted  
☐ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 26, 2007.  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
☐ Enclosed  
☐ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Miscellaneous**

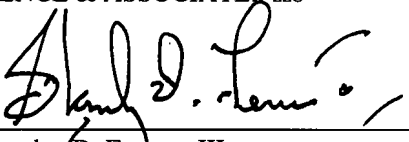
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

- ☒ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$790.00 to cover the RCE fee.  
  
☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.  
  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.

Respectfully submitted,

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